

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

Hi scouts,

April 30 is the darkest day for Vietnamese people who love freedom and peace. 44 years ago, the communists invaded and occupied Vietnam's south, enforcing oppression and no human rights. Vietnamese Scouting was banned (and until now has not been recognized by the government). Nearly 1 million people including your grandparents and parents escaped Vietnam by boat to find freedom (hundred thousands people have died in the sea). Your Grandparents Parents came to America with empty hands, they worked hard to build a better life for the next generation. Most of you were born and grew up here, you did not experience hardships. So as Vietnamese-American scouts, don't forget we have a fatherland of Vietnam, try hard to study, be good citizen, cultivate knowledge. Be prepared so that one day when Vietnam is truly free, you can in some ways help Vietnam become strong and prosperous. Tr. Son

LD Spring Camp- 4/27 - 4/28, Tuckahoe State Park, MD

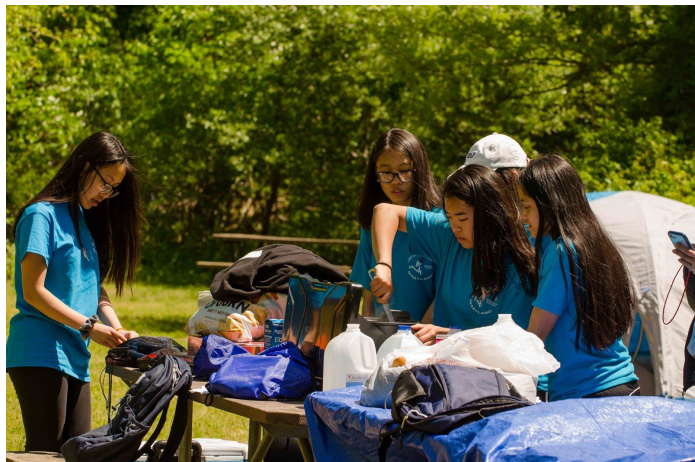
Attendees Boys: Nolan, Daniel, Richer, David, Mason, Phi, Brandon, Vincent N, Kevin1, Brandon Lam, Damon, Dillon, Nathan H, Vincent D, MinhDang, Khanh, Khang, Francis, Nathan N, Nathan L, MinhTrung, Ben, Leo, Louis, Justin, Tony, ChanToan, Brian N, Brian M, Kevin2, Evan, Minh
Attendees Girls: Lizzie, Kathy, Truc, Katie, Melanie, Evelyn, Vy N, Janelle, Emily, Nina, Tien, Kathleen, Melony, Cassidy, Kimberly

Submitted by Brian Nguyen

Everyone arrived, on a moist Saturday morning. People were playing football, volleyball, and soccer. It was fun and games in the beginning. But then we had opening and thus began camp. At first we had we were all split into groups, with Au getting to know their advisors and getting to know each other. So was troop but they didn't get advisors. After some icebreakers, troop broke out into a volleyball circle, and hit the ball around trying to get the ball to stay in the air as long as possible. Then we went back to our camp and got lunch. Somewhere in between staff went out to set up the games. Au had scavenger hunt which was scrapped and just turned into riddles, capture the flag, and then an obstacle course. Troop had dragontail, capture the flag, and then teamwork activities. At the end, we scrapped our big game and just made a water balloon free-for-all. Staff made a pact to not go against each other but was ultimately scrapped. And many thanks on behalf of troop, Au, and staff to the parents who played a hand in making the game a reality. After which we broke up and dinner was going to be made. After that was campfire hosted by Evan. Had a bit of a hard time trying to get the wet logs aflame with alcohol but our fire handlers were successful. After which was free time and many laughs and jokes were exchanged. Then religious service in the fulfilling the reverence part of the Scout Law. Then closing came with the announcement of new scouts who received the handkerchief and patch. Signalling the end of camp. Overall camp was a success, this was a camp entirely planned and executed mainly by scouts under supervision. Many thanks to Kimberly Ho and Brian Mach for making a joyful camp for all to enjoy, well for the kids....







***Patrol Leader Council:

SPL (Evelyn Phạm/ Ben Nguyễn); ASPL(Kimberly Hồ/ Chân Toàn Hà); PLs (Anna Pham, Katie Pham, Janelle Vo, Melanie Pham, Minh Hong, Nathan Huynh,): IN (Nolan Vo, Khang Do); HIS (Brian Nguyen); QUAR(Brandon Le, Damon Nguyen); SCR (Kenneth Le); TG (Vincent Dang, Brian Mach); DC (Co Tu Do, Evan Le).

* Ong Patrol: Nina Võ, Vy Nguyễn, Melanie Phạm, Cassidy Phạm, Tammy Nguyễn, Nina Võ, Caitlyn Nguyễn²

* Gau Trang Patrol: Kathleen Nguyễn, Janelle Võ, Tiên Tran, Emily Tran

* Dai Bang Patrol: Caitlyn Nguyễn, Katie Phạm, Kimberly Hồ, Tiffany Nguyễn, Lizzie Mai, Trúc Lê, Massie Tran

* Hong Hac Patrol: Evelyn Pham, Anna Pham, Xuan Anh Cao, Allison Ly, Co Tu Doan, Kathy Ho, Hong Nguyễn

*Ho Patrol: Tony Tran, Khang Đỗ, Chan Toan Ha, Francis Nguyen, Brandon Le, Preston Nguyen, Mason Duy Huynh

*Ung Patrol: MinhTrung Ha (PL), Evan Le, Vincent Dang, Ben Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen², Nathan Huynh, Louis Nguyen, Kenneth Le, Vincent Nguyen, Vinh Dinh Le

Rong Patrol: Damon Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen¹, Nolan Vo, Justin Pham, Brian Nguyen, Brian Mach, David Le , Phi Huynh, Thanh Luu.

Beo Patrol: MinhHong, Leo Khoa Nguyen, Richer Quang Nguyen, MinhDang Ho, Nathan Ngo, Nathan Le, Daniel Pham, Dilton Huynh, Khoa Hoang

***Adult Leadership:

SM: Son Nguyen

ASM: Tran Chau Le, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Nhung Tran, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Long Pham, patrol advisor

AMS: Nguyen Nguyen, patrol advisor/round table

ASM: Peter Le, patrol advisor/outdoor event

ASM: Nghia Tran, patrol advisor

JASM: Thomas Tran, PLC advisor

Committee Chair: Chung Nguyen

BoR/CoH coordinators: Chung Nguyen
Do Chieu

Treasurer: Chi Thuan

Parent coordinator: Phong Huynh, Phuc Pham

Position code: SPL (senior patrol leader), ASPL (assistant SPL); PL (patrol leader), APL (assistant PL); TG (troop guide); QUA (quartermaster); IN (instructor); HIS (historian); SCR (scribe); DC (Den Chief); OG (Outdoor Ethics guide)

SM (scoutmaster); ASM (assistant SM); JASM (junior ASM)

SCOUT SPIRIT

It is hard to evaluate Scout Spirit. We believe that prior to each rank advancement, participation in the following activities exemplifies the essences of Scout Spirit:

1. A minimum of 2 hours community service from Troop or Liên Đoàn.
2. Participate in Troop nursing home visit monthly.
3. Participation in at least 1 fundraiser.
4. At least 4 troop outdoor activities per year.
5. Good deeds done outside of scouting.

SCOUT ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURE

If a scout has finished all his requirements for the next rank, it is mandatory that you:

a. Contact SM for the scoutmaster conference (SMC) (must be at least 1 week before the Board of Review). SMC are on the first and second week of the month.

b. If you "pass" the scoutmaster conference, you must contact Mr. Chung Nguyen/Mr. Chieu Do(BoR coordinators), and Mr. Chung Nguyen (Committee Chair) to schedule your Board of Review (BoR). BoR is at the last week of the month.

Editors: Kevin Nguyen¹, HIS; Peter Le, ASM; Son Nguyen, SM

Troop's schedule

January- First Aid

- 4: Cabin camping
- 5: Cabin Camping and CoH (#)
- 11: meeting
- 19: meeting/nursing
- 25: No meeting
- 26: skiing at Ski Liberty
- 27: fundraising at chợ Tết Northwestern HS, Maryland (#)

February- Pioneer

- 1: meeting
- 8: No Meeting (Tet Feb 5)
- 9-10: Wimporee MB in VA
- 15: Meeting
- 16: Hội Tết HD at Centreville High School 6001 Union Mill Rd Clifton, VA 20124 (*)
- 18: White Oaks MB day (#)
- 22: Meeting

March-

- 1: No meeting/2: Troop MB day at LBC (#)
- 8: Meeting
- 15: Meeting
- 16: nursing (Hỗ)/LD fundraising (*)
- 22: Meeting

29: No meeting

30-31: Camping at Little Bennett State Park

April- Science

- 5: Meeting
- 12: Meeting/13: nursing (Ung)
- 19: No Meeting/17-22: MCS spring break
- 26: No meeting
- 26-28: LD Spring Camp at Tuckahoe State Park, MD (*)

May- Swimming

- 3: Meeting
- 4: Swimming test
- 10: Meeting /11: nursing (Rồng)
- 17: Meeting:
- 24: No meeting. Memorial weekend
- 31: Meeting

June- Sports

- 1: Biking
- 7: Meeting
- 8: Basketball tournament at LBC.
- 15: LD Picnic/Court of Honor (*)/15: nursing
- 21-23: Trại Lửa Việt
- 29: Water drafting?

July:

#21-27: Summer Camp (#)

July 22- Aug 2: 14th World Jamboree

August: off